

August 2nd, 2022

17:00 MDT

In Person: 6-06

Online: [Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesų́liné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

Attendance

| Name | Proxy or Written Submission | Present |
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| Voting Members | | |
| Levi Flaman (Chair) | | Y |
| Jayden Brooks | | Y |
| Daniela Carbajal Velez | | Y |
| Simran Dhillon | | Y |
| David Lee | | Y |
| Abner Monteiro | | Y |
| Adrian Wattamaniuk | Polina Reisbig | Y |
| Non-Voting Members & Guests | | |
| Courtney Graham | N/A | |
| Sun Dano | N/A | |
| Tanisha Sahu | N/A | |
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MINUTES (Bylaw-2022-05-M)

2022-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-05/1a Call to Order

FLAMAN: Called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

2022-05/1b Approval of Agenda

CARBAJAL VELEZ / **DHILLON** - **MOVE TO** approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-05/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2022-05/1d Chair's Business

FLAMAN: Announces that Councillor Reisbig was approved as a proxy for Councillor Wattamaniuk

2022-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-05/2a Bylaw Updates

FLAMAN: Would like First and Second Principles of all current bylaws in progress to be restructured and completed by August 23rd, in order to most effectively focus on Bylaw amendments during the Fall Semester.

- Bylaw 200: Operations update - **Daniela Carbajal Velez** & **Jayden Brooks**

CARBAJAL VELEZ and BROOKS: Will have Bylaw 200 restructured by August 23rd.

- Bylaw 300: Elections update - **Adrian Wattamaniuk** & **Abner Monteiro**

MONTEIRO: Has started the process and will meet with WATTAMANIUK when he returns from vacation. States that he and WATTAMANIUK are currently $\frac{1}{3}$ completed with Bylaw 300. Will also work on Bylaw 2200 and 2300 with WATTAMANIUK, which have a lot of overlap with one another. Based on this, will put together a nomination package to see what is referenced in both bylaws and then move to amalgamate the two bylaws.

- Bylaw 400: Finances update - **Simran Dhillon** & **Panjae Lee**

DHILLON: Meeting with LEE on Friday and will go through a preliminary read through of Bylaw 400. Currently in the organization stages, but is hopeful for quick progress.

LEE: Went over the first two regulations and highlighted elements which they would like the committee to assess. Shares screen to demonstrate the highlighted elements for the committee to

go over.

FLAMAN: Suggests that amendments will not be drafted or reviewed until the Fall Semester. The committee is only restructuring Bylaws as of right now.

MONTEIRO: Suggests that the committee, as they read through individual bylaws, mark down any specific dates that are present within them. Nav (Governance Manager) would like a detailed list of where specific dates appear in the bylaws, in order to compile a list of dates which need to be changed during bylaw amendments.

FLAMAN: Reiterates to the committee that, in the next two weeks, the committee is only focusing on restructuring not amending.

2022-05/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2022-05/3a **FLAMAN/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** amend Bylaws 100, 200, 500, 600, 1100, 1500, 2100, 2200, 2250, 2300, 2400, 2500, 3000, 4000, 5100, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 8100, 8200, 8400 and 9000 to restructure and reorganize the University of Alberta Students' Union bylaws to clarify or simplify its governance documents based on the following first principles (Bill #1):

CARRIED

- [Bill #1: Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents first principles](#)
- [Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents initial proposal](#)

MONTEIRO: Questions if the bylaws will be broken up into different sections when drafting amendments.

FLAMAN: Ideally, would like to break bylaws up into different sections and approve them based on what needs to be amended/approved more immediately.

MONTEIRO: Thinks that procedures should be limited to including such things as lists of responsibilities. Lists of responsibilities could also be placed under regulations rather than procedures.

FLAMAN: Organized the restricted bylaws based on DUMOUCHEL'S document for Bylaw restructuring.

MONTEIRO: States that regulations would be processes under bylaws, which have not been identified yet. Bylaw 200 and Bylaw 400 are titled as bylaws, but they are newly created and do not have anything in them as of yet. Questions the committee members, who are working on these bylaws, if they intend to put anything under these bylaws. Questions if information will be pulled out and reorganized.

FLAMAN: Reorganized Bylaw 100 on the premise of pulling out regulations from bylaws. Believes that all bylaws could follow this process.

MONTEIRO: For bylaws regarding the CRO, questions if they will stay under the elections section or move under regulations/processes of those specific things.

FLAMAN: Thinks that how a bylaw is restructured is entirely up to the individual. How Bylaw 100 was restructured was simply a guideline. Suggests that one heading, with one bylaw, is not culling as much as the committee set out to do when they began the restructuring process.

MONTEIRO: Was strictly pulling out the what, the why, the how of a specific bylaw and not seeking to combine bylaws. Could try to do this method after discussing more with WATTAMANIUK.

FLAMAN: Reiterates that breaking apart a current bylaw and moving a third of it to a different bylaw is not drafting an amendment: it is simply moving information from one place to another in order to make it more readable.

2022-05/4 **ACTION ITEMS**

Bylaw Restructuring must be completed by August 15th so Second Principles can go before Students' Council on August 23rd.

2022-05/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

FLAMAN: adjourned the meeting at 5:41 P.M.